

(SRI T. CHANNIAH).

years due to all-round increase under all items of expenditure, the need to curtail expenditure, and the unreliable seasonal conditions have adversely affected the raising of plantations on a large scale. Finally it has to be said that there is a limit to the raising of artificial plantations governed as it is by the weather conditions, availability of labour and funds. The consumption of timber and fuel, is so great that all what is consumed cannot be compensated by raising of plantations alone. The only answer is the continued protection and preservation of the vast extents of natural forests which are the natural reserves of fuel and timber. Their working on Sylvicultural principles for sustained yields is the only solution for compensating what is consumed. To a limited extent only, artificial plantations that can be raised successfully with the bounties of a kind nature, can answer the requirements of timber and fuel.

Power supply to the raiyats owning lands on the banks of Bhadra River for lift irrigation.

Q.—64. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there has been any representation from agriculturists owning lands on the banks of Bhadra River and Bhadra Right Bank Channel from Hole honnur, Gangur, Karehalli and Singanamane for supply of electricity to 'Lift Irrigation Pumps';

(b) whether estimates have been prepared for the same;

(c) whether it would be possible to accord immediate sanction for the same in view of the urgency of pushing through the 'Grow More Food' Campaign in the State?

A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

(c) If representations are received, the same will be considered and preparation of necessary estimates will be done and needful further action taken.

### Re-introducing the System of Issue of *Mafi* License.

Q.—68. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether representations have been received by them to re-introduce issue of "*mafi* Licensing System" in the State and particularly in Malnad parts;

(b) whether they will consider them sympathetically?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) No. In fact, there is no question of any re-introduction as the system of issue of *mafi* licenses has not been abolished. The issue of *mafi* passes only in respect of areas near Government forests has been recently temporarily suspended with a view to examining how best the existing rules may be improved upon to avert misuse of concessions. Government have since examined and issued orders restricting the powers of the Amildars in respect of issue of *mafi* licenses as shown below.\*

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a).

I. Regarding issue of *mafi* passes for removal of timber, etc., from lands granted under Darkhasts.

(a) That the right of reservation of the undermentioned species of timber by the Forest Department for a period of one year from the date the lands are given out on Darkhasts provided for in the Revenue Manual be strictly adhered to.

(b) That Range Officers shall obtain permission of the District Forest Officer